MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 689.

AMENDING THE LAW OF CONSERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER IN ARID REGIONS.

O. G. No. 3278.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo, the following Executive Order is hereby promulgated:

ARTICLE 1. The Law of Conservation and Distribution of Water in Arid Regions, Executive Order No. 318 as amended, is hereby further amended in the following manner:

(a) The word "Article" shall apper before the numeral at the beginning of each numbered paragraph of said law.

(b) Paragraph numbered 4 to read as follows:

"Article 4. The rights under this Law to public water for agricultural purposes for a particular piece of land shall be obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Immigration by or in the name of the owner of the land, or in the case of land held under an agricultural concession, by or in the name of the concessionaire. Once obtained, the water rights for a piece of land shall thereafter pertain to the land, and the rights to water for the land shall not be separated from title to the land, except by act of transfer authorized by the Department of Agriculture and Immigration made for good and sufficient reasons and with due regard for the equities in each individual case. The transfer may be made only in favor of other lands belonging to the holder of the water rights in question. When a transfer is made under the authority of this Article, the water rights so transferred shall retain their original priority.

"In order that all persons, whose rights might be prejudiced by any transfer hereunder, may be given an opportunity to present their objections thereto to the Secretary of Agriculture and Immigration, it shall be necessary to publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity, at least once a week for six weeks immediately prior to the act of transfer, a clear and comprehensive statement of the nature and purpose of the application for the transfer, a description of the lands involved and the amount of water affected. The above statement shall likewise be conspicuously posted at the *Alcaldía* nearest to the land or or lands affected."

(c) Paragraph No. 6 to read as follows:

"Article 6. The nonuser of water upon a tract of land or a part thereof under the rights accorded by this Law, if persist-

ed in for seven consecutive years may, in the discretion of the Central Government, cause a lapse, to the extent of such nonuser, of such rights, for the reestablishment of which there shall be no preference or priority growing out of the previous use of the water, provided, that this shall not be construed to require that water be need in excess of reasonable requirements or to prevent the rotation of crops or the periodic resting of parts of the holdings of an individual in accordance with accepted agricultural practice."

ARTICLE 2 . All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

S. S. ROBISON,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
November 30, 1921.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 690.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

O. C. No. 3280.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo, the following Executive Order is hereby promulgated:

ARTICLE 1 There is hereby appropriated from funds in the National Treausry not otherwise appropriated by law, the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($65, 000) for the expenses of beneficent institutions including the item Secretaría de Sanidad y Beneficencia, for the year 1921.

S. S. ROBISON,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
December 3, 1921.